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H. R. 162

To authorize the use of Federal funds for research on human embryonic stem cells irrespective of the date on which such stem cells were derived, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stem Cell Replenish-
5 ment Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Scientists have shown they can direct
9 human embryonic stem cells to develop into insulin-

1 producing cells that might help cure juvenile diabe-
2 tes. Up to 100 million Americans may benefit from
3 research in this area.

4 (2) Parkinson's disease is a very common
5 neurodegenerative disorder that affects more than 2
6 percent of the population over 65 years of age.

7 (3) Several laboratories have been successful in
8 developing methods to induce embryonic stem cells
9 to differentiate into cells with many of the functions
10 of dopamine-producing neurons used to relieve the
11 symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

12 (4) Without Federal funding for research relat-
13 ing to human embryonic stem cells—

14 (A) the Nation's top academic researchers
15 at universities, medical schools, and teaching
16 hospitals would be precluded from joining in the
17 search for cures;

18 (B) progress in this search would be much
19 slower; and

20 (C) the United States would lag behind
21 and lose its leadership role in scientific
22 achievement and discovery.

23 (5) On August 9, 2001, the President an-
24 nounced that Federal funds may be used for re-
25 search on human embryonic stem cell lines only if—

1 (A) prior to the President's announce-
2 ment—

3 (i) the derivation process (which com-
4 mences with the removal of the inner cell
5 mass from the blastocyst) had already been
6 initiated; and

7 (ii) the embryo from which the stem
8 cell line was derived no longer had the pos-
9 sibility of development as a human being;

10 (B) the stem cells involved were derived
11 from an embryo that was created for reproduc-
12 tive purposes;

13 (C) the embryo was no longer needed for
14 such purposes;

15 (D) informed consent was obtained for the
16 donation of the embryo; and

17 (E) no financial inducements were pro-
18 vided for donation of the embryo.

19 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL FUNDING OF STEM CELL RESEARCH.**

20 (a) DERIVATION DATE.—Notwithstanding the Presi-
21 dent's announcement regarding stem cell research on Au-
22 gust 9, 2001, and the notice published by the National
23 Institutes of Health on November 7, 2001, entitled “No-
24 tice of Criteria for Federal Funding of Research on Exist-
25 ing Human Embryonic Stem Cells and Establishment of

1 NIH Human Embryonic Stem Cell Registry” (NOT–OD–
2 02–006), Federal funds may be used for research on
3 human embryonic stem cells irrespective of the date on
4 which the derivation process for such stem cells was initi-
5 ated or completed.

6 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Except with respect
7 to the derivation date requirement described in subsection
8 (a), this section shall not be construed to affect the re-
9 quirements made applicable to human embryonic stem cell
10 research in guidelines and notices published by the Na-
11 tional Institutes of Health.

12 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.—The Director of the
13 National Institutes of Health shall—

14 (1) review the guidelines and notices published
15 by the National Institutes of Health with respect to
16 human embryonic stem cell research; and

17 (2) revise such guidelines and notices to the ex-
18 tent necessary to ensure the availability of not less
19 than 60 stem cell lines that are scientifically fit for
20 distribution for research purposes.

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